

DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
HEADQUARTERS, WALTER REED ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20307-5001

Nursing Policy

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Scope of Patient Care and Service

1. UNIT TITLE: Operating Room – 4th Floor

2. DESCRIPTION: 16 surgical suites that average between 25-35 surgical cases per day.

3. PATIENT POPULATION SERVED: Any pediatric, adolescent, adult, or geriatric patient requiring surgical intervention who is eligible for care as designated by the Defense Eligibility and Enrollment Reporting System (DEERS) and the Patient Administration Department.

4. CONDITIONS AND DIAGNOSES TREATED: General Surgery, Ear, Nose and Throat, Thoracic, Ophthalmology, Neurosurgery, Gynecology, Orthopedic, Oral Surgery, Hand, Urology, Plastic, Pediatric, Transplant and Open Heart.

a. High Volume:

- 1) Otolaryngology
- 2) Spinal – Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented
- 3) Gynecology Oncology
- 4) General Surgery

b. High Risk:

- 1) Spinal – Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented
- 2) Total Joint
- 3) Open Heart

c. Problem Prone:

- 1) Open Heart
- 2) Spinal - Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented
- 3) Total Joint

d. High Cost:

- 1) Total Joint

- 2) Spinal - Neurosurgery and Orthopedic instrumented
- 3) DaVinci cases (robotic endoscopic surgery)

e. Excluded Patients/Services: Transplants – Heart/Lung/Liver

5. STANDARDS OR GUIDELINES FOR PRACTICE:

- a. AR 570-4, Manpower Management, 15 May 2000.
- b. FM 8-501, The Workload Management System for Nursing, Nov 1990.
- c. WRAMC Regulations
- d. WRAMC Nursing Policies
- e. Unit level standard operating procedures
- f. American Nurses Association, Scope and Standards of Practice, 2004.
- g. WRAMC Operating Room standard operating procedures
- h. AORN Standard, Recommended Practices and Guidelines, latest edition.
- i. Smith, Sandra F. & Duell, Donna J. Clinical Nursing Skills, 4th ed. Appleton & Lange, 1996.
- j. Perioperative Nursing Data Set (PNDS) Second Edition
- k. Operating Room. Rothrock, J. C. Alexander's Care of the Patient in Surgery, 12th Ed., Elsevier, 2003.
- l. Berry & Kohn's Operating Room Technique, Ninth Edition, 2000.

6. TREATMENTS AND ACTIVITIES PERFORMED: All nursing activities are performed in accordance with the Scope of Practice and Competency Based Orientation. Common clinical activities include: pre and postoperative nursing assessments, medication administration, urinary catheterization, patient positioning, surgical counts, electrosurgical unit, collection of surgical specimens, intraoperative assessments and documentation of nursing and medical interventions.

7. PERSONNEL PROVIDING CARE:

- a. Nursing:
 - 1) Registered Nurses
 - 2) Operating Room Technicians
 - 3) Transport Technicians
 - 4) Medical Receptionist Technicians
- b. Other Personnel:
 - 1) Physicians
 - 2) Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetists
 - 3) Physician Assistants
 - 4) Radiology Technicians

- 5) Laboratory Technicians
- 6) Chaplains
- 7) Administrative Assistants

c. Unit core staffing plan

OR	ASAM Authorizations TDA 0202		Weekday Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)			Weekend Staffing Matrix (excluding Head Nurse and Wardmaster)		
	Staffing	Military	Civilian	Day	Evening	Night	Day	Evening
RN	27	17	24	2	1	1	1	1
OR 91D	50	0	30	5	2	1	1	1
OR 91B	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Admin	0	4	2	0	0	0	0	0

8. HOURS OF SERVICE: 24 hours per day/7 days a week